

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Boesch, County Executive Officer

DATE: August 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of support for the United Auburn Indian Community's Amended Tribal-State Gaming Compact with the State of California

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

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**BACKGROUND**

The United Auburn Indian Community and the State of California entered into a Tribal-State Gaming Compact in 1999. That compact provided for gaming-related payments from the Tribe to the State and served as the basis at a State level on which the Tribe developed the Thunder Valley Casino and Resort in Placer County. Following the 1999 compact, the County and Tribe entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in 2000. The County-Tribe MOU memorialized the government-to-government relationship between the County and Tribe relating to development of identified UAIC lands, including the Thunder Valley Casino site. The Tribe and State amended their original gaming compact in 2004. The amended UAIC/State compact recognizes and preserves the provisions of the County-Tribe MOU.

UAIC has requested the State consider a new gaming compact between the Tribe and the State. The Tribe is seeking a revised compact in order to focus compact payments on infrastructure projects and programs more directly related to UAIC operations, while preserving certain identified statewide payments. The Tribe is also seeking various technical and reporting revisions to account for current Thunder Valley operations. Negotiations between the Tribe and State have resulted in a proposed new compact (the "2015 Compact") that was presented to the Governor on August 14, 2015. That compact is expected to be presented to the Legislature for ratification when the Legislature reconvenes from its summer recess during the week of August 17, 2015. As with the prior compact amendment, it is expected that the 2015 Compact will recognize and preserve the provisions of the County-Tribe MOU.

UAIC has requested the County's support for the 2015 Compact. Additional information regarding compact provisions and financial specifics, along with a proposed letter of support, will be provided to your Board on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Submission of a letter of support is not a project as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact relating to your Board's submission of a letter of support to the Legislature. Provisions of the amended compact will have an as yet to be determined fiscal impact on the County depending on the nature and implementation of infrastructure projects and services provided.